

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 7-9 have been added. The application now includes claims 1-9.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0039116 (“Hashimoto”). In addition, the Office Action rejects claims 2, 4 and 6 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hashimoto in view of official notice. Both rejections are traversed in view of the amendments above, and new claims 7-9 would not be anticipated by Hashimoto or be obvious over Hashimoto in view of official notice.

In amended claims 1 and 5, the predetermined error occurs when print data inputted into the printing unit is other than the operatable print data. Conversely, the error indicative of running out of ink described in paragraph [0058] of Hashimoto is not an error that occurs when print data inputted into the printing unit is other than the operatable print data. Therefore, Hashimoto does not disclose that the print operation is performable without change even if the predetermined error occurs. Further, Hashimoto also does not disclose that a categorizing unit categorizes the detected predetermined error into one of a plurality of categories based on the nature.

With reference to claim 7, it is noted that there is recited “a printer controller that controls a print mechanism that performs a print operation to print images on a recording medium *based on print data received from a host computer*” (emphasis added). This differentiates that errors are detected in data from the host computer, not mechanical problems in the printer itself. The claim also recites “the CPU detecting an error during the print operation *based on the print data received from a host computer, determining an error category of the detected error and executing a procedure according to the determined error category*” (emphasis added). Neither Hashimoto nor any matter addressed under official notice show or suggest the highlighted features.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the application with claims 1-9 be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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